

35 Welfare Pde

Change of Suburb
Name, *

→ Glen Iris 3146

7/8/01

Dear George,

What a clucking in the chook
yard - you caused! We've often
wondered but ^{we've} never known where you were.
- Somehow one of the boys caught up? or
heard where Dick was - some years
ago. - Sorry to hear of his passing +
that he won't be there at the Prescott
gathering.

- Thankyou for all the news. One
thing we noticed - Bull + I, that
we must have been living fairly
close to you in Sydney for 10 years.
Bull + I were there from 1969 - 1979
approximately. - He was principal of
the C.B.C. of Sydney (now with the National) training
school at Fernleigh Castle - then moved
to Head Office - We spent the first year
in Double Bay - then bought a house
at ^{corner of} Peckham Ave? Chatswood. - I was
+ Dulwich Ave No 50.

teaching at Petersham Girls High School -
not in existence now. - We left our
family in our house in Melb - 2
kids. boy & a girl - now in their
middle 50's. - Am hoping they will
be with us at the family meet. -
Roger says he will, but Sue hasn't
heard about it yet. - They've been
overseas. We have 4 grandchildren -
from 25 to 30 years. - We hope one
will be married early next year in
Sydney. - They are in the 'style' &
all have partners. - Life's a bit different.
- We had the Pescott family tree
dating back to pre-T.T. Pescott &
Mary Deane - don't know who compiled
it. - But I've been working on our
family tree from that & the Heathcote
record. - No deep research - only enough
for the next generation to know where
they came from.

I drive past 88 Eskdale Rd - quite
often - just to remember. The restoration

is excellent. When Toots (our Aunt Brothy) died - I sorted out all her belongings. Among them was a photo of 'Westfield' known as such because it was built in the westfield (wheat) of the original farm there - so Toots told me. * As it was but one photo - & no real place to store it I sent it to the Caulfield Historical Society - hoping, it would become a part of a 'whole'. - It was built - according to my mum - by the Pescotts (which ones??) of Geelong. - Angels Food - always my favourite too. - Here is the recipe from her book. - On second thoughts will put it on a separate page. - hope you can measure a quart !!

* I think the house was one of the first - surrounded by fields (again from Toots).

- We look forward to meeting you again at the gathering.

Thank you for your letter

Cheers - Norma & Bill
Carter

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3146
16th Aug. 01.

Dear George & Shirley,

Thank you for your prompt
reply - feel we have made up a
little of the leeway lost over
many years.

- My apologies re the Caulfield
Hist. Society. - completely forgot
our big council re-organisation.

Caulfield is now part of Glen Eira.
City Council. (re the photograph.)

Contact is - Felicity Campbell

Townhall } P.O. Box 202
I think. } Caulfield Sth. 3162

Her phone number - 9523 9228.

- Hope this helps you. - will forward
what info - I have on Pescotts - to
Wal Wall - but have a feeling he
is working from the same history I
have - See you Norma & Bill

35 Welfare Rd
Glen Iris
23/9/01.

Dear George & Shirley,

Man. - thanks for your invitation
to afternoon tea on the 10th of Oct, at the
Stamford Plaza. We will be delighted to attend
& finally catch up with you.

I can remember Cec. bringing you & Dick to
stay with us in Ballarat - somewhere about
1930 - 1936. - You were small, so was Margie,
the rest of us thought we were 'big stuff'.

- Sorry to say we have very little
info - to pass on but will do our best.

See you soon

Norma & Bill,

- Next page - scratchings from 'the' brain!!

- As they come - not in order!

- Large Bible - won by Grandpa (J.R.) - having come 3rd in an exam - set by the Women's Temperance Union. - in 1898. It's frail but has a few dates in it - probably nothing you don't know already. J.R. was about 32 at the time. A 'Certificate' is pasted in. What fun & games they got up to in those days!!

Cricket - J.R. - very involved with the local cricket club - and it was a regular custom for all the team & 'hangers on' - to gather at Westfield for tea & songs round the piano & pianola?

- Photo Album - Think it was my mum's 'Tools' to us. A record of the 3 families but only up to a certain stage. All photos pasted in - pity but at least they are not lost.

- Did I send you a copy of the Prescott/Woodful tree? - I need more dates to it - such as Jim's & Etie's - births & deaths - some of mine are a bit doubtful.

- Grandpa spent the last years of his life living with us - He came soon after Etie died. When?

- Bowls - until Etie died - Toots would pick her up & mind her until Grandpa was ready to go home. - She suffered from dementia & could not be left alone.

In his last years - Solo at the Club took over from bowls. - he loved playing & it

was an excellent way of keeping up with his bowls' mates.

I remember 1944 - my wedding day - he had to be picked up at the club to come to wedding - at 11 am!!

- The Bible - says he died in 1956 - this I'm not sure of - except. I didn't go to his funeral - as we were in England - but he died when he was about 90-91?

Dorothy Woodfull Prescott.

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Born - Melb. 1894

Died - " 1987 at (93).

Married - Norman Cartmell Heathcote

Presbyt. Church. - Wattle Tree Rd. Malw.

19.11.21

- Have written her life story - can give you a copy if you so desire.

Norma.

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21/10/01.

Dear George,

My what big words you do use -

I might believe you if I knew what they meant!! - Thank you just the same.

Thank you too for the opportunity you gave us to meet up with -

Shirley, Rosemary, Winsome & Walf & of course yourself. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, & the scones & cream. - I came home with a lot of questions I didn't ask - but will one day.

- Take your time with the Photo Album. Another thought about those 2 group photos - No shoes might indicate a house at the beach.

I hadn't identified the 3rd photo
as an Airport - but I see it now.
- Will let you know as soon
as possible - re the attendance
of either of our chr/spouses - Easter
2002. - Am seeing Rog today.
It's a bit difficult pinning them down
so far ahead.

- love to you both
Norma.

Oct. 27th.

Dear George,

Thank you for the return of the album - I'll bring it with me on the day just in case for instance - Judith if she comes wants to have a look. There are quite a few snaps of she & Max as children.

- Will also put in Jim's Bible - Temperance - but it's of the large kind & frail.

Many thanks for the photos of 'The Day at the Stanford' - they will be an excellent reminder. I have a feeling I forgot to include this in my last letter.

- See ya - love Norma.

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27/12/01.

Dear George,

Thankyou for your "missive" -
Birth - though it might well have
been a 'missile' - shook me out of
the Xmas depths. - and now it's
all over I can concentrate a little
better. - Though the bout of heavy
sleeping - or desire to do same -
is still with us.

NB. - Re-descendants of J.R Prescott
in my section - 5.5 Colonel Morgan
Byrne - are steps - sons - for Roger,
Christine's children by a previous marriage,
so they need to be eliminated from
the tabular listing - or where ever
else they may be turning up.

Sorry about this I probably should
have spotted it before.

- Am in the process of doing a
bit of repair work on 'the Buble' -

- so that it stands the trip to Geelong.

Your plans look good to me -
Can't add anything to Margie's -
record - don't know Anne's (Harry's wife)
 maiden name. - The rest is O.K.

- About the more recent arrivals
5th + 6th generation - will talk to
the boys - They'll probably look
at me a little queerly!! That's
normal. —

Love to you both
Norma

Dear George & Shirley,

Sorry to be so slow replying to your last bulletin - with so much drama recorded. We found the report most interesting & terrifying. Nearest we've been to anything like that was in Sydney & fire came up Blue Gum Creek (we were at the head) from Lane Cove River Park - to within $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile of us. We were in a plane returning from U.S.A. - at the time - so all was over when we got home. It can't have been a pleasant experience ^{for you}. I hope all is well now. It's been heartbreaking for so many. Can't believe there are so many people who would wish to light fires, living amongst us & we don't know their potential for danger. Ordinary bush fires are bad enough. The late reply - is because Bill hasn't been well. He collapses without warning - & it's a frightening experience. I think he is beginning to recognise the signs - & ~~take~~ sit or lie before he passes out. - So far they happen at social events - hardly a glass of alcohol!! Anyway the specialists are working on it - maybe a sudden drop in temp. blood pressure. - Then I sprang a lump in the wrong place. It was removed yesterday & we will know for sure if all is O.K. on Monday. Anyway in between these events - life goes on as usual - full of interest & dom's - including the Pescott bulletins. - We will be there don't fear - Roger is bringing us for the day. - Have repaired the Pescott Bible - so it will stand the trip. It's much older than us ~~the~~ - Have been involved with my Dad's

Letters
1 written to his family - during the war. They were found in an old tin trunk on the farm where his brother Harold was - They are in a terrible state of decay - but have managed to piece them together & put them in order. -

A lecturer in History ~~teach~~/methods at Monash is using them for her Thesis for her Doctor of Philosophy - so I'm getting - or have got now - copies (some not so good -) but not nearly as difficult to read - We will be given a copy of this thesis - of which Dad is part. ~~of~~.
- It's all about Teachers who served in the

1914-18 War. -

Your planning for the 'show & tell !!' boards at the reunion do you credit. Am afraid we are not much use to you - but you have been ^{doing} a wonderful piece of work.

- Because of your letter I finally found a N.S.W. Tourist publicatⁿ with 'Vincentia' in it. Now I know where you are. Also I found 'Vincentia' marked on a map somewhere - but can't find the map. - it's² in another book. Old age. isn't much of a help !!.

- Thanks again for the letter - all the best for 2002 -

Norma & Bill